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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	Application Number	TECH CENTER 1600/2900 09/297,092
	Filing Date	May 18, 1999
	Inventor	PAULISTA et al.
	Group Art Unit	1636
	Examiner Name	S. Kaushal
	Attorney Docket Number	2923-0115
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR BONE INDUCING ACTIVITY		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 24, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 23, 2002, Applicants request entry of the amendments below and reconsideration of the application.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claim 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. (Twice Amended) A process for the production of an implant material according to claim 28, the process comprising applying the MP52 in and/or on the calcium phosphate matrix as a solution in a solvent such that a homogeneous distribution of the MP52 protein in and/or on the calcium phosphate matrix is achieved.